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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d), replacement drawing sheets Fig. 1, Fig. 2 and Fig. 3 are submitted herewith. The replacement sheets include no new matter.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 3 to read as follows:

3. (amended) The self-anchoring umbrella according to claim [[1]] 2, wherein the switch is positioned on the handle so that the switch may be activated ~~by the operator~~ while ~~he/she is applying a downward or upward force is applied~~ to the handle.

Please amend claim 4 to read as follows:

4. (amended) The self-anchoring umbrella according to claim 2, wherein the switch is a positive action switch, such that the switch is not activated unless a continuous pressure is applied thereto ~~by the operator~~.